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## Plain Language From Truthful Dulles

The Dulles under discussion is not John Foster, Secretary of State, but his brother, Allen Welsh, who directs the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States. His serene countenance, his pipe and his big office globe adorn the front cover of U.S. News & World Report, flanking the startling declaration in that journal's exclusive copyright interview with him:

"We tell Russia too much."

Now U.S. News & World Report (Washington) has a good circulation among Senators and Representatives. That is well; it should have. Let the national lawmakers—the Senate's investigating committeemen particularly—read this "lead" of the interview:

"Q. Do the Soviets have an advantage over us in collecting intelligence?"

"A. Many advantages. In the first place, they have far greater facilities for operating in the United States than we have behind the Iron Curtain. Also, we Americans publish a great deal in our scientific and technical journals and in (N.B.) congressional hearings. And, of course, in our free system of government, what we do in the field of legislation for national defense is open to the public. I would give

a good deal if I could know as much about the Soviet Union as the Soviet Union can learn about us by merely reading the press. Sometimes I think we go too far in what our Government gives out officially and in what is published in the scientific and technical field. We tell Russia too much. Under our system it is hard to control it."

But, of course, the C.I.A. Director would not blame the scientific and technical press for the blabbermouthing that U.S. Government is shot through with Communist espionage—even extending into the Armed Forces. That gem of "intelligence" gleams in Senate committee rooms.

And here's another passage in the interview which some level-headed Senator whose temperature is normal would be well advised to have inserted in the Congressional Record:

"... I would like to say this about investigations: Any investigation, whether by a congressional committee or any other body, which results in a disclosure of our secret activities and operations or uncovers our personnel would help a potential enemy just as if the enemy were able to infiltrate their agents right into our shop. If it were necessary to go into the

details of operations before any committee anywhere—the security of your operations would quickly be broken. You couldn't run an intelligence agency on that basis. No intelligence agency in the world is run on that basis. In intelligence you have to take certain things on faith. You have to look to the man who is directing the organization and the result he achieves. If you haven't someone who can be trusted, or who doesn't get results, you'd better throw him out and get somebody else."

But not at the hands of a typical congressional "investigating" committee, thinking citizens must devoutly hope. For Director Dulles was answering the question, "What can you tell us about the rumors that C.I.A. is to be investigated by committees of Congress?" And that interviewer was "told"—in plain language from truthful Allen.